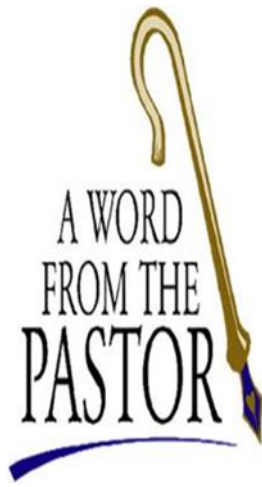


Pastor's Note

On Easter Sunday we will begin to greet each other during the sharing of the peace at worship. This is the part of the service where the pastor says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always," and everyone responds, "And also with you." At Easter, as we have done before, the pastor will say, "Let us share the peace together." And everyone greets one another saying, "Peace be with you."



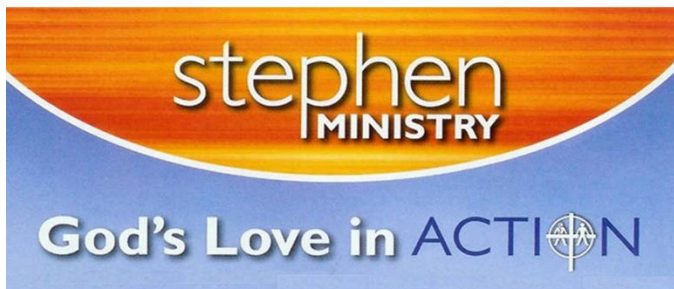
Two notes as we begin this practice again. First, some people really don't like to be touched. If you don't want to be touched, just cross your arms across your stomach and say "Peace be with you." If you see someone say "Peace be with you," with their arms crossed over their stomach, do not try to shake their hand or hug them. Simply say "Peace be with you" in return. Some of us like to shake hands but don't want to hug. Others of us like hugging. All of these are wonderful ways to show God's love. Only, please watch for what others want in the way of showing God's affection.

Second, the sharing of the peace is not just a "Good Morning." We can and should say "Good Morning" before and after church. However, the peace is deeper. It is a statement about who we are as a church community.

When we share the peace of the Lord, we are saying that our connection is based on the Lord Jesus Christ. Usually, this means that our wholesome and friendly relations become deeper because we know we are sisters, brothers and siblings in Christ. On the other hand, sometimes we human beings hurt each other. We may disagree or be in conflict. Nevertheless, we still pass the peace, not because we are all the sudden happy or "okay" with what the other person is doing or has done, but rather because our hopes for peace are based on Jesus, not us. When we pass the peace, we recognize each other as human beings, made in the image of God, restored to the image of God, saved by grace, even if we're really mad at each other. Therefore, even in the midst of disagreement we will continue to respect and to work to improve the health of our relationships in whatever way we can.

The sharing of the peace has challenging and profound meaning in our worship service, which is full of challenging and profound meaning. Thanks be to God.





Long-Term Care Workshop

The Stephen Ministry team has invited our congregation's Thrivent representative to visit us on March 10 to lead an informational workshop dealing with the topic of long-term care as part of our yearlong continuing education offering on aging. All are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. We look forward to meeting Liz Trotter and having the opportunity to ask questions about this issue. No products will be sold.

4 Truths About Long-term Care

If staying in your home is a top retirement priority, you're not alone. Learn how creating a plan for care as you age can help you achieve that goal. Join us for our free workshop, 4 Truths About Long-term Care. Discover how to create a strategy to protect your assets and reassure your family about the future.

- Most people want to stay in their home.
- Care is expensive, whether at home or not.
- Sharpen your focus on the future you're hoping for.

This workshop will be held at St John Lutheran Church on Sunday March 10th at 11:15 a.m. It's hosted by Liz Trotter, BFA™. Although reservations are not required please consider letting us know if you will be coming for planning purposes as lunch will be served. Contact Connie

Schumacher at cgschu@icloud.com or (502) 551-8728. There will also be a signup sheet at both entrances to the sanctuary.



Fundraiser Cards for Coffee

Join us for a special coffee hour to boost Pastor's Cards for Coffee project from 9 am to 10 am Sunday, March 17 in Diehl Hall. Bring some of the "luck of the Irish" for a fun little challenge and enjoy some St. Patrick's Day treats. Pastor needs Cards for Coffee to help him reach an outreach goal of two coffee visits per month. This is our chance to put a little extra caffeine into that effort. Purchase a gift card for Heine Bros. or another coffee shop gift card, bring it with you or place it on the tree in the Narthex.



Holy Week Schedule

Passion Sunday: 10:00 Sunday March 24
Procession with palms, Reading of the Passion

Maundy Thursday: 6:30 Thursday March 28

Good Friday: 6:30 Friday March 29

Egg Hunt: Easter Eggs, Easter Story, Easter Fun, Easter Snacks. Saturday March 30, tentative time, 10:00.

Easter Sunday: 10:00 Sunday, March 31
(Sunrise service at 7:15 if 20 people commit to come and inform us by March 10.)

Confirmation Class



Confirmation Class

Sunday March 17, 1:00-4:00 at St. John, in Room 2.



Update on Outdoor Sign

Our work toward modernizing our outdoor sign has been stalled because of zoning issues. The legal issues are currently being addressed.

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.

2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one, He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

You're Invited!

Invitations

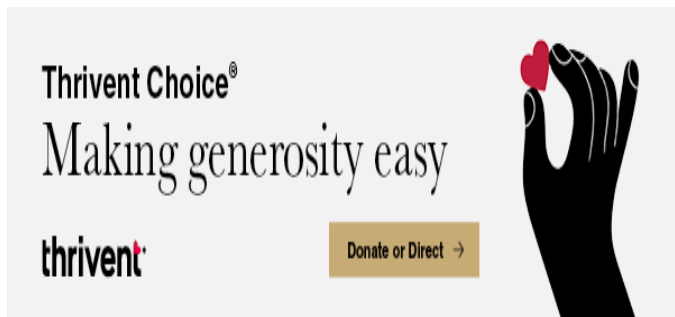
As of Feb. 15, we have issued 17 stories or invitations from St. John. Please think and pray about who you would like to invite to Easter. If you like, give our prayer group their name and we will pray for them.



Magazine Collections

Pandemic is over! Magazine collections are back in effect. Thank you for your continued and faithful support for our magazine donations for the Baptist Hospital East. As previously, there will be a collection basket at the entrance of the sanctuary and also in the hallway by Diehl Hall. Please remember the magazines must be less than 2 years old.

Thank you, Rosie Wiebusch



Thrivent Dollars

Important message to all Thrivent members at St. John. We have until the 31st of March to donate our earned Thrivent dollars to the Charitable organization of our choice. St. John Lutheran Church in Louisville, KY is on that list. Please thoughtfully consider your choice, and notify Thrivent of your decision. Please don't let those dollars go unused! Thank you!



Financial Update

Monthly Financial Update

	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24
Income	\$36,294	\$60,487	\$29,088
Expense	\$16,820	\$27,030	\$29,651
Result	\$19,474	\$33,457	(\$563)

(Income less Expense)

January is starting off very well. We ended the month only \$563 in the hole. Which is outstanding if you consider that all 2024 benevolences were paid in January - total of \$12,225. Please continue with your generous contributions to help us achieve our goals! Please continue to mail in your contributions. Feedback welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to Christi Elbert or Marty Dick if you have questions or concerns. Thank you.

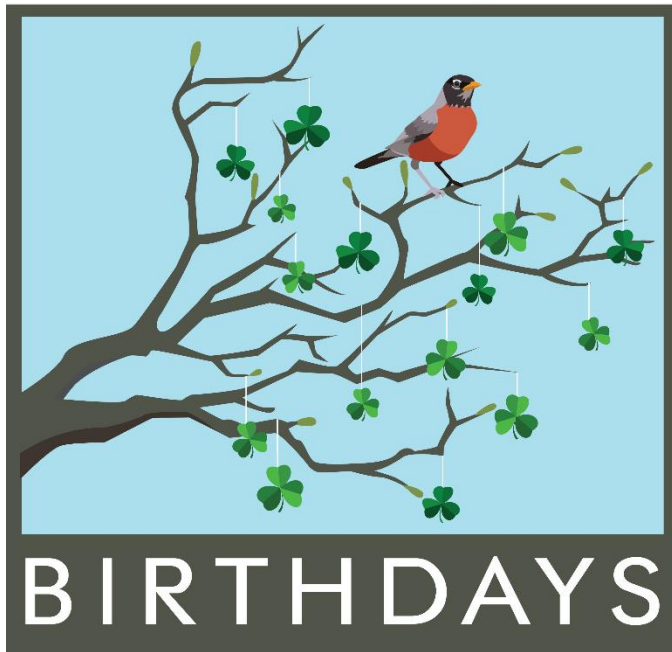


Coffee with Pastor or Leader

We have had four get to know you chats in the last two months. Right on track. Let's set up at least two in March!



MARCH



Mark Davis	03/21
Jack DuFour	03/21
Melvin Gardner	03/21
Douglass Manning	03/22
Daryle Karnes	03/23
Dianna Mazzoni	03/23
John Wright	03/23
Carin Wicke	03/24
Carolyn Kraft	03/25
James Eaton	03/26
Emily Njos	03/27
Sabrina Bent	03/28
Elizabeth Schumacher	03/28
Joshua Cox	03/29
Ethan Abbott	03/31
Hailea Gentry	03/31
Robert Goodin	03/31

March Birthdays

Terri Manning	03/01
Samantha Ward	03/01
Lauren Janes	03/02
Timothy Newton	03/03
Kathryn Voss	03/03
Deidree Whitworth	03/03
Anabelle Kratzwald	03/04
Sherry Leister	03/04
Rachel Cooper	03/08
Gloria Wynn	03/09
Sadie Plato	03/10
Connie Schumacher	03/12
Sharon Heck	03/13
Ava Eaton	03/15
Leah Tabler	03/15
Tim Hoon	03/16
Margaret Carmen Malone	03/17
Emily Uldrich	03/18
Jamie Watts	03/18
Addison Cook	03/19
Collin Downey	03/20

MARCH



March Anniversaries

Pete & Terri Dallas	03/16
Jack & Jennifer Sturgeon	03/23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 1pm - Youth Gathering 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	6:30pm - Men's Group	6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	9:30am - Bridge Club 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Lenten Worship 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due (1st) 6pm - Executive	First Day of Women's St. David's Day	9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
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Daylight Saving Time 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11:15am - Stephen 3pm - Eben-Ezel	6:30pm - Men's Group	6:30pm - Property 7:30pm - Technology	9:30am - Bridge Club 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Lenten Worship 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Council Reports Due (1st) 6pm - Executive	First Day of Women's St. David's Day	9am - SOKY Basketball 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day St. Patrick's Day 9am - Cards for Coffee 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship	6:30pm - Men's Group	6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Lenten Worship 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	4pm - Worship & Music 6:15pm - Evangelism &	Journal Deadline	8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 9am - Choir Rehearsal 10am - Worship 11:15am - Friends in 3pm - Eben-Ezel 6pm - AA Group 19 (Diehl)	6:30pm - Men's Group	6:30pm - Christian	10am - Sewing Group 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Lenten Worship 7pm - OA (ABC) @ ABC	Maundy Thursday 6:30pm - Maundy	Good Friday 6:30pm - Good Friday	Holy Saturday 10am - Easter Egg Hunt 8pm - AA (ABC) @ ABC
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MARCH 2024 WORSHIP TEAM

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
<u>Assisting Minister</u>					
10:00	Patti M	John N	Mark L	Diane K	Cindy L
<u>Lector</u>					
10:00	Sherley S	John N	Dee L	Connie S	Patti M
<u>Youth Lector</u>					
10:00	Trey L	Alex B	Magdalene M	Alex B	Emilia M
<u>Cantor</u>					
10:00	Diane K	Laura R	Laura R	Diane K	Cindy L
<u>Crucifer</u>					
10:00	Melvin G	Trey L	Melvin G	Trey L	Melvin G
<u>Acolyte</u>					
10:00	Trey L	Alex B	Magdalene M	Alex B	Emilia M & Magdalene M
<u>Usher</u>					
10:00	Sherley S & Haley	Edie M	Joanne N	Ann H & Melissa W	Ann H, Joanne N, Melissa W, & Edie M
<u>Communion Prep</u>					
10:00	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P	Brenda P
<u>Altar Guild</u>					
	Dinah H, Brenda P				

Send a cheerful note to our members who are “under the weather” and/or can’t make it to church services or church events. Please contact the church office for addresses.

Vivian Lenberger
Betty Pauley
Nancy Robinson
Skip Stearman
Maxine Wines

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